



Lake County's Budget

Spending Your Tax Dollars Wisely

Spending tax dollars wisely is our top priority. The annual budget for the County totals approximately \$270 million, with property taxes accounting for 67% of the funds. To promote fiscal accountability, the County participates in many cost saving measures and is recognized by the National Government Finance Officers Association among local governments as the benchmark for performance measures.

Our Procurement Services Division has taken a step in the right direction. A number of cooperative purchasing agreements enables bids for products or services to be shared with other governmental agencies. Cities, counties, and other agencies throughout the state jointly utilize contracts. All participants reap the rewards of cooperative purchasing.

Maintaining services for our growing community is a challenge. New homebuyers help pay for infrastructure related to new development. An updated education impact fee rate was adopted in 2003. Fees generated will be a tremendous help to our school system for keeping up with growth.

Grant funds supplement the use of General Fund dollars and increase the County's ability to provide valuable services to the citizens. Through the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) monies, considerable improvements to roads have been

Rolling Hills of Sugarloaf Mountain

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3	4	5 <i>BCC Meeting 9:00 A.M.</i>	6	7	8	9
10	11 <i>Columbus Day</i>	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 <i>BCC Meeting 9:00 A.M.</i>	20	21	22	23
24 <i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i> <i>Halloween</i> 31	25	26 <i>BCC Meeting 9:00 A.M.</i>	27	28	29	30

made in the rural Lake Kathryn area of north Lake County. This multi-year project will pave over 13 miles of neighborhood roads in the area when completed. Currently, over 4000 feet of sand roads have been paved and numerous potholes have been repaired, improving access to this rural community for school buses and service/emergency vehicles.

Support of our vast network of roads ensures safe and efficient travel throughout the County. Last fiscal year, our Public Works Department spent considerable time and effort on various road projects. For example, the CR-48 and Lakeshore Drive drainage improvement project relieved localized flooding in the Yalaha area. County-wide resurfacing of numerous roads improved the accessibility to local area residents; and the construction of a new four-lane roadway extending from East Ridge High School to South Hancock Road relieves congestion in that area.

Working with the Property Appraiser's Office, Environmental Services saved over \$30,000 in postage and printing costs by combining the Annual Public Hearing Notice with the Property Appraiser's TRIM notice. Additionally, the department expanded landfill capacity by building a 1.8 acre infill. The infill utilizes a new composite bottom liner design and leachate collection system, and is being nominated for a national award for its innovation.

By placing significant importance on managing costs, we are all doing our part to ensure County tax dollars are spent wisely.